

**FOURTH WEDNESDAY  
OF LENT**  
March 11, 2026  
Plattville Lutheran Church

The assembly gathers in silence.

\*We begin our service this evening in the name of the +  
Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen

**\*PRAYER OF LENT**

**O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you  
lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the  
hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our  
deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our  
Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the  
Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever. Amen**

**\*GATHERING: PSALM 51**

**L: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast  
love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.**

**C: Wash me through and through from my wickedness  
and cleanse me from my sin.**

**L: For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.**

**C: Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in  
your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right  
in your judgment.**

**L: Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my  
mother's womb.**

**C: Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would  
have me know wisdom deep within.**

L: Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

**C: Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

L: Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.

**C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

L: Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

**C: Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

L: Let me teach your ways to offenders, and sinners shall be restored to you.

**C: Rescue me from bloodshed, O God of my salvation, and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness.**

L: O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

**C: For you take no delight in sacrifice, or I would give it. You are not pleased with burnt offering.**

L: The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; a troubled and broken heart, O God, you will not despise.

**C: Favor Zion with your good pleasure; build up the walls of Jerusalem. Then you will delight in the appointed sacrifices, in burnt and whole offerings; then young bulls shall be offered upon your altar.**

**\*Prayer**

L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you**

**C: Gracious and holy God, give us diligence to seek you, wisdom to perceive you, and patience to wait for you.**

**Grant us, O God, a mind to meditate on you; eyes to**

**behold you; ears to listen for your word; a heart to love you; and a life to proclaim you; through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

**\*Hymn #331 "As The Deer"**

**\*The Holy Gospel of our Lord  
Glory to you, O Lord**

### **Mathew 6:1-4**

**6** "Beware of practicing your righteousness before others in order to be seen by them, for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. <sup>2</sup>"So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>3</sup> But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup> so that your alms may be done in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

### **Luke 10:30-35**

<sup>30</sup> Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. <sup>34</sup> He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of

him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.'

### **Luke 21:1-4**

21 He looked up and saw rich people putting their gifts into the treasury; <sup>2</sup> he also saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. <sup>3</sup> He said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them, <sup>4</sup> for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on."

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

### **SERMON**

#### **Offering**

\*Offertory Prayer "Create in Me" Insert in Pew

\*Hymn #325 "I Want Jesus"

\*The Lord's Prayer

\*The Benediction

L: May our Lord pour out upon us the unifying Spirit, and awaken in us a holy hunger for unity, peace, love and caring, through God the Father, God the Son + and God the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

#### **\*Sending**

L: Family of Plattville Lutheran Church, you have been gathered to prepare for the sacrifice and resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ. Now go in peace, prepare your heart, and meditate on the precious gift given to all.

C: Praise be to God!